

Claim 3 (Amended Sheet), rewrite as follows:

3. (Amended) The rinse module according to claim 1, further comprising guide means, arranged to transfer the containers from one turret to the next.

Claim 4 (Amended Sheet), rewrite as follows:

4. (Amended) The rinse module according to claim 1, wherein the turret is a star wheel which a plurality for pockets defined around its periphery, the pockets adapted to receive the containers.

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Claim 5, rewrite as follows:

5. (Amended) The rinse module according to claim 1, wherein the turret further comprises a plurality of rotatable mandrels arranged around its adjacent mandrels defining pockets adapted to receive the containers.

Claim 6, rewrite as follows:

6. (Amended) The rinse module according to claim 4, further comprising a stationary guide rail arranged around at least part of the periphery of the turret and adapted to support the containers within the pockets.

Claim 8, rewrite as follows:

8. (Amended) The rinse module according to claim 1, wherein the or each turret is arranged with its axis of rotation at an angle of about 15° to the horizontal.

Claim 9, rewrite as follows:

9. (Amended) The rinse module according to claim 1, comprising a washing stage and a drying stage, each stage having an independent circular turret and means for transferring the containers from one turret to the next at the end of each stage.

Claim 11, rewrite as follows:

11. (Amended) The rinsing device comprising a plurality of rinse modules in accordance with claim 1.

Claim 13, rewrite as follows:

13. (Amended) The rinsing device according to claim 11, wherein de-ionised water is used as the cleaning fluid in the final rinse module.

Claim 14, rewrite as follows:

14. (Amended) The rinsing device according to claim 11, wherein a negative pressure is created inside at least some of the rinse modules to improve drying of the containers.

Please add the following newly drafted claims:

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15. (New) The rinse module according to claim 2, further comprising guide means, arranged to transfer the containers from one turret to the next.
16. (New) The rinse module according to claim 5, further comprising a stationary guide rail arranged around at least part of the periphery of the turret and adapted to support the containers within the pockets.
17. (New) The rinsing device according to claim 12, wherein de-ionised water is used as the cleaning fluid in the final rinse module.

REMARKS

Commensurate with the filing of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to introduce this amendment in order that the proper headings are inserted, all multiple dependent claims cancelled and both the government filing fee and examination are based upon the claims now of record after the introduction of the present amendment.

Upon entry of this amendment, favorable consideration on the merits of the claims is respectfully solicited.

Very respectfully,

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